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### Thanks

- .. to those parents who assisted with this week's headlice inspection.
- .. to those parents who have provided encouragement and guidance during their child's science fair project.
- .. to those parents who transported and supervised our Yr 6 team to Ten Pin Bowling.

### People of the week

- .. Tayla who received a Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award at assembly this week. Well done Tayla.
- .. those students who have just sat their International Schools English Exam.
- .. Our Yr 6 Girls team, Lale, Hannah, Caitlyn and Maddison, who achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Whangarei Ten Pin Bowling Competition.
- .. Jynaia and Natasha received gold in Level 2 & 3 in a Cheerleading competition in Australia.

### Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).

We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

4 August	Year 7 and 8 debate Week(TBC)
4 August	School Science Fair
5 August	School Cross Country
6 August	School Photos
12 August	International Schools Mathematics Competition
14 August	Taniwha Challenge (pp 15.8)
25 August	Central Northland Science Fair
26 August	Whangarei Cross Country
27 August	Year 7 and 8 EOTC day
8 September	AIMS games
10 September	Year 7 Boostrix vaccination
18 September	Northland Cross Country
22/23 Sept	School production
26 September	Final day of term 3

### Our current virtue is ENTHUSIASM

Last week you received support material for the enthusiasm virtue. If you have not already done so please find some time to ...

1. To discuss this material with your children
2. To talk about a time(s) when you have practised "enthusiasm" in your life
3. Maybe set some targets

### School Photos – 6 August

If you have not yet placed your photo order so please order on line ([www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz](http://www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz)) or send order and money to the office by MONDAY. Please note that photo money must accompany the order .. payable to Liz Davies and NOT Matarau School. Any questions to Helen please.

### School Cross-Country

... as advised last week, our School Cross Country will take place at the farm opposite the school on Tuesday 5 August. Thanks again to Alastair Rickey decorating who are sponsors of this year's cross-country.

The **approximate** race schedule is as follows ..

<b>Year 7 &amp; 8</b>	12:40	12 year olds
	12:50	11 year olds
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	1:05	10 year olds
	1:15	9 year olds
<b>Year 3/4</b>	1:30	8 year olds
	1:40	Yr 3/4 Girls
<b>Year 3 (that were not 8 as of Jan 1st)</b>	1:50	Yr 3/4 Boys
	2:00	Yr 2 Girls
<b>Year 2</b>	2.10	Yr 2 Boys
	2.15	Year 0/1 Girls
<b>Year 0/1</b>	2:20	Year 0/1 Boys
	2:25	Kindy Race (all together)
<b>End of the day</b>	2.35	<u><b>Prize Giving-</b></u>

*Thank you to Alastair Rickey Decorating who are sponsors of this year's School Cross Country.*

### Some reminders from the last newsletter

- .. Parents of year 7 and 8 children who have not yet paid their child's technology fees are asked to do so as soon as possible please,
- .. **Please remember the 40 km speed limit when passing the school before and after school.**
- .. the school song music has now been uploaded to the school website thanks to Mr Schuster.
- .. Calf Club Day has been scheduled for Thursday 23 October.
- .. the senior Science Fair Prize-giving will be held in the school hall 6:30 PM Tuesday 5 August. Children receiving prizes will be advised beforehand, but all are welcome at the prize giving
- .. a reminder that the year 7 and 8 technology bus leaves school at 9:00 AM on the dot .. children need to be here at 8:15 please for roll check.
- .. if you still have your child's portfolio at home please send this to school next week.
- .. Calf Club ... have you thought about your calf, lamb or pet. More to follow soon
- .. didn't make interviews? A reminder that teachers are highly available by appointment.

### Join Our Facebook page

Any of our school families who are interested in activities that explore Te Ao Maori are welcome to join Matarau Whanau page. It is a closed group to ensure any videos and photos shared by page members are not in the public domain. We are currently looking at planning some activities for Term 4, sharing Te Reo, community events and knowledge about Maori.

### Term Headlice Inspection

This week's inspection indicated low levels of infestation across the school .. slightly higher in the junior school. **If you have received a letter advising of confirmed or suspected infestation please treat your child before their return to school.** All parents are asked to please check their children's hair weekly so that we stay on top of this problem.

### Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property. Please come and check this next week if your child is missing an item or two. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity next week.

### Home Gardens

We will send expression of interest forms out very soon and so please let your child know if you want one of these sent home.

### **Trivia Night**

Our Trivia evening is 5 Friday 5 September 2014 and we could really do with more helpers! Helping out is a great way to meet new people and have some fun while raising money for our school. If you can help with:  
Friday morning - set up and decoration  
Friday evening - serving and bar  
Saturday - clean up

Please email [donna@digitype.co.nz](mailto:donna@digitype.co.nz), or come to our next meeting (Wednesday 6 August 3.15 in the school library), or let Helen in the office know your email address to pass on to the trivia team.

Also if you know anyone who you think might be interested in sponsorship/prizes or if you are someone who runs a business in the area and would like to support the school in return for advertising to the locals please get in touch.

### **Maths and Literacy Labs**

Term 3 labs started last week. Please ensure children have an afternoon snack, that they are picked up by 4:30 and that assigned work is done at home. Maths labs are scheduled for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday ... please note that days are not interchangeable. Literacy labs are scheduled for Mondays.

### **International Schools Mathematics Competitions**

A reminder that this exam is scheduled for 12 August. Practice papers for the Mathematics Competition are being issued to children from the school office. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home (marking sheets provided).

### **Matarau Hockey**

Well done to the following "Player of the Day"



Caprice

### **Te Reo Phrase of the Week**

We are continuing with our phrase Kei hea - Where is?

Kei hea te pene? - *where is the pen?* Kei runga I te tepu - on the table

### **Finally**

We are hugely proud of the quality of science fair exhibits. Congratulations to children, and thank you to parents for your efforts over recent weeks. Science fair is not an "add on" to the curriculum. Learning to be disciplined and self-managed learners is central to what modern schools should be about, and integral to becoming life-long learners. Of course the process is a challenging one, but challenging processes often open doors to learning that would otherwise remain closed. Our students continue to do well through secondary school, in part, because of these very experiences. So ... well done to all involved. Thank you also to staff for the hours you have put in. Parents, please take time to drop by and take a look .. the hall will be open for viewing on cross country day.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
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## **Community Notices**

**"Ecosolutions"** will be running a compost and wormfarming workshop on 14<sup>th</sup> August From 10am – 12 at Deb Horne's home 443 Matarau Rd.

This practical workshop will teach the basics of composting and wormfarming and will help to troubleshoot any issues you are having with your household compost.

Help minimise the amount of organic waste going to landfill and create a beneficial addition for your garden at the same time.

\$10 per person, spaces are limited so please call Anton on 027 254 0042 / 438 8710 to book your seat.

**For Rent** - Modern 3 double bedrm house with double garage in Carr St, Kamo. Close to shops and schools. \$390 pw. Phone Coen 0211607513.

**Wanted to Rent** - 3 bedrm house, with a fire place and a bit of land. Please phone Sara 021 418 801

### **\*\*NEW DANCE SCHOOL\*\* 'just dance' Whangarei**

An exciting new dance school has started teaching ballet, jazz, contemporary and pilates with classes to match all ages and stages. Our philosophy is to provide excellent tuition and technique with building self esteem and having fun. Visit our website [www.justdance.biz](http://www.justdance.biz) or phone Carla Bedford on 02102357440

**Table Tennis** – Tuesdays 3.30pm-5.30pm Terms 2 & 3. Table Tennis Centre, Kensington, Soft soled shoes must be worn. Bats available to hire or buy or bring your own. Annual Sub \$40 or \$2 per session. Enquiries phone Brent Davies 094027695

**Royal New Zealand Navy Band** – 9<sup>th</sup> August, Forum North, 7pm, featuring NZ Vocalist Rebecca Nelson, \$220 Adults, \$18 Seniors, \$5 Children/Students. Door sales available from The Turner Centre, Forum North.



Our Year 6 Ten Pin Bowling Team



# Calf Club Day - 23 October 2014

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves and lambs must be born after 1st July 2014. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling.

**If you would like your child to have a lamb to train & bring to calf club please contact the office as we may have a contact for someone who does this.**



You can also bring a 'pet' which can include - goats (kids), cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.

**Please do not bring pregnant animals or newborns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.**

A booklet will be handed out to children bringing a pet (not for lambs or calves) two weeks prior to the September holidays and needs to be completed and returned to school on the first Monday of term - 14th October. The booklet will be judged by independent judges.

There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website [www.calfclub.co.nz](http://www.calfclub.co.nz) or Calf and lamb rearing books are available from the office for those children unsure of what the judges look for on the day. This year the cakes will be for sale again, sausage sizzle and stalls with Christmas gifts for sale so remember to bring along cash and support these people as it also helps the school.

If anyone would be interested in having a stall on the day please contact Cassandra on 4335968.

# MIDDLE/SENIOR PRODUCTION 2014

This term the Middle and Senior School will be performing an original production "The Wizard of Middle Earth". We are well into production practice and would love some community support.

Rachael Robertson is in charge of our costume design team and would love volunteers of any and all sewing ability to assist her.

Jo Gunson who is our Artist extraordinaire needs cardboard for prop creation.

If you feel you can assist please contact Rachael at [rrobertson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:rrobertson@matarau.school.nz) and Jo at [jgunson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:jgunson@matarau.school.nz)



Evening performances are 22nd and 23rd September with a matinee on the 23rd as well.

Any other inquiries to Simon Schuster at [sschuster@matarau.school.nz](mailto:sschuster@matarau.school.nz)

Alternatively please call us at school or drop by.

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## Trivia Night

**Friday 5 September 2014**

**Come along for a fantastic night of  
fun and prizes**